

Newsletter 19 11th July 2025

For school calendar: <http://www.alexanderhoseaprimary.co.uk/calendar/?calid=1&pid=3&viewid=1>

Dear Parents/Carers,

As this is the final newsletter for the year, I wanted to thank the children for their kindness and the care they show to one another and their hard work in their learning. We are very proud of them and they can be relied upon to be great ambassadors for the school when they represent the school in sporting and other external activities. In addition, we will really miss our fantastic Year 6 children when they move on at the end of this term. They have been great assets to the school and we wish them all the very best for the future.

I am also grateful to our amazing staff, who go the extra mile for the children and work together to maintain the family feel of the school, have high expectations and help the children to thrive. There are several TAs who will be leaving us in the summer at the end of their temporary contracts: Mrs Rice, Mrs Oram, Jo Walker and Miss Ferris. Also Mrs Arnott (SMSA) will be retiring. We wish them all the very best for their future ventures. In September, we look forward to welcoming 3 new members of staff to the team: Mr Feaster (Deputy Headteacher); Miss Maddocks and Mrs Cooke (TAs).

After more than 20 years of exceptional service, Mrs Windmill (DHT) will be retiring at the end of term. Mrs Windmill has taught most of the children in the school when they were in Reception and has helped to set them off on their way to a successful school journey. We will miss her dedication to the children of Wickwar and her not insubstantial costume collection for project events and World Book Day!

Thank you to all the parents and carers. We really appreciate your engagement and the time and effort given to help with reading with children and helping with activities (such as sewing); running or supporting with clubs; working with the Friends of AHS to host and organise enjoyable and enriching experiences for the children and their families and being part of the Parent Council. We say a fond farewell to almost 30 of our longstanding families this year (as their youngest child leaves in Y6) – some have been part of the community for more than 2 decades. We wish them all a happy and healthy future.

Our last day of term is Tuesday 22nd July. We wish you all a great summer and hope there is plenty of sunshine for picnics in the park, camping and playing in the garden.

Kind regards - Mrs Deb Williams - Headteacher

Dates for your diary

Week 7

Mon 14th July – Y6 bikeability group
Mon 14th July – Y6 performance to parents
Weds 16th July – after school Friends' Lucky Dip

Week 8

Mon 21st July -Cup assembly
Mon 21st July -Friends' Krispy Kreme sale after school
Tues 22nd July – Y6 leavers' assembly to school
Tues 22nd July – non-uniform day – donation to the Friends
Tues 22nd July – end of term and school year

Please see teachers' weekly newsletters for more information about specific class activities.

INSET days for 2025-26

Monday 1st September
Friday 24th October
Monday 24th November
Friday 28th November
Monday 5th January



Thank a member of staff. As you know our wonderful staff work very hard every day for the benefit of the children. We have received a lot of end of year 'thank you' messages already through 'Thank a Teacher' website. These are very much appreciated and mean a lot to staff.

<https://thankateacher.co.uk/>

This term's Value



Lunch updates & special menus

New menu has been added to ScoPay for Autumn/Winter 2025/26.

Reminder: please pre-book all meals the day before on Scopay.

Toast is now available to book for years 1 – 6 on Scopay for Term 1 2025/26.



INSTRUMENTAL & VOCAL LESSONS

Instrumental and vocal lessons at school are provided by teachers from West of England Music & Arts (WEMA)

LESSON OPTIONS

30 minutes individual x 10 lessons
20 minutes individual x 10 lessons
30 minutes paired x 10 lessons
Group x 10 lessons

Inquire within school about possible remissions if your child is registered as receiving income-based Pupil Premium funding. Tick the box on the WEMA sign-up page if eligible. WEMA will then contact you to discuss final arrangements.



INSTRUMENT HIRE
Instruments are not provided by the school. However, there are a wide range of instruments that can be hired from WEMA music hub. These are free to hire for students receiving Pupil Premium. Contact WEMA directly by adding hire to your application or emailing: music@wema.org.uk

For more details go to:
wema.org.uk/learn-to-play



Friends of AHS – 100 club relaunches



We're excited to relaunch the 100 Club as part of our fundraising efforts—giving you the chance to win *big* while supporting a great cause!

Sign up by **11th July** to be in with a chance of winning **£75, £30 or £15** in one of our quarterly draws taking place in **July, October, January and April**.

It's easy to join: Catch us at our upcoming fundraisers to pick your lucky number!

Or email us at committee@friendsofahs.org

Support us—and maybe treat yourself if your number comes up!



Thank you very much to Mr Bateman for making our new Friendship Bench. It looks amazing!

Mrs Hathaway has been working hard on the decoration for the bench. The design includes ideas from the children in Topaz, Ruby and Jet. The bench is already looking beautiful and will be officially revealed in September.

Clubs for next term

Please see information about clubs in a recent email from Mrs Packer – Admin.

The schedule for next term will be posted in the News and Events section of the website soon

<https://www.alexanderhoseprimary.co.uk/page/?title=News+%26a mp%3B+Events&pid=3>

Thank you to everyone who has run clubs for our wonderful children this year.



Friends of Alexander Hosea

Our next meeting is 9th September 2025 at 6pm in the school library, please do come along.

Upcoming events:

After school sales – New academic year TBC

Ice cream sales – we aim to hold every Friday, weather permitting.

Krispy Kreme donuts – 21st July, pre orders and on the day sales

Non-school uniform – 22nd July – in return for a donation to Friends

We cannot hold these events without the much-needed support of parent volunteers, please look out on our socials for links to sign up. These are also below.

<https://signup.com/go/KuyjCVE> - Ice cream sale volunteers

You are welcome to contact us via the channels below:

✉ committee@friendsofahs.org

📱 Friends community WhatsApp group (please contact one of the committee members to be added)

* Friends Facebook page

Expenditure

With thanks to all your fundraising efforts and continued support we are pleased to say we have been able to fund the below for our school:

- Renovation of the school library
- Class funds of £150 per class for new environment resources
- Handwriting pens for September
- Year 6 leavers gifts
- A new set of bee bots for KS1 learning
- Current academic year music lessons
- Bikeability for year 6 children
- Topaz playground upgrades

Future event ideas

Please let us know if you would be interested in running one of the events below or if you have an event you would like to bring forward.

- Halloween quiz
- Family disco
- Colour run
- Christmas disco
- Adult bingo night
- Crisp sales
- Smarties tube change
- Grow a pound

	WEEK ONE	WEEK TWO	WEEK THREE
MONDAY	Margherita Pizza with Jacket Wedges (V) or Rainbow Pizza with Jacket Wedges (V) Veg of the Day Chocolate & Vanilla Swirl Cookie (Ve)	Margherita Pizza with Jacket Wedges (V) or Rainbow Pizza with Jacket Wedges (V) Veg of the Day Vanilla Snap (Ve)	Margherita Pizza with Jacket Wedges (V) or Rainbow Pizza with Jacket Wedges (V) Veg of the Day Lemon Biscuit (Ve)
TUESDAY	Chicken Tikka Masala with Rice or Classic Mac & Cheese (V) Veg of the Day Apple Cake (V)	Italian Sausage Pasta Bake or Penne with Garden Bolognese (Ve) Veg of the Day Jaffa Cake Sponge (V)	Sausage with Mash & Gravy or Sausage with Mash & Gravy (Ve) Veg of the Day Oaty Apple & Rhubarb Crumble (Ve) with Custard (V)
WEDNESDAY	Roast of the Day with Roasties & Gravy or Loaded Yorkshire with Roasties (V) Veg of the Day Fruity Jelly (Ve)	Roast of the Day with Roasties & Gravy or Toad in the Hole with Roasties & Gravy (V) Veg of the Day Fruity Jelly (Ve)	Roast of the Day with Roasties & Gravy or Butternut Squash Hot Pot with Roasties (Ve) Veg of the Day Fruity Jelly (Ve)
THURSDAY	Homestyle Sausage Roll with Mash & Gravy or Plantastic Balls with Mash & Gravy (Ve) Veg of the Day Flapjack (Ve)	Cottage Pie or Golden Topped Cottage Pie (Ve) Veg of the Day Flapjack (Ve)	Penne with Beef Bolognese or Sweet Potato Korma with Rice (Ve) Veg of the Day Choco Krispie Bite (Ve)
FRIDAY	Fish Fingers or Salmon Fish Fingers with Chips or Crispy Garden Fingers with Chips (Ve) Veg of the Day Banoffee Crumble (Ve) with Custard (V)	Fish Fingers or Salmon Fish Fingers with Chips or Crispy Garden Fingers with Chips (Ve) Veg of the Day Banana Custard Ice Cream (V)	Fish Fingers or Salmon Fish Fingers with Chips or Crispy Garden Fingers with Chips (Ve) Veg of the Day Banana Cake (V)
	1/9/25, 22/9/25, 13/10/25, 3/11/25, 24/11/25, 15/12/25, 5/1/26, 26/1/26	8/9/25, 29/9/25, 20/10/25, 10/11/25, 1/12/25, 22/12/25, 12/1/26, 2/2/26	15/9/25, 6/10/25, 27/10/25, 17/11/25, 8/12/25, 29/12/25, 19/1/26, 9/2/26
	<p>Classic Tomato Pasta (Ve) and Jacket Potatoes with a Choice of Filling (including V/Ve options) are also available daily along with freshly baked bread, salad, fresh fruit, jelly (Ve), yoghurts (V) and fresh drinking water.</p>		

V - Vegetarian Ve - Vegan

Yate Library Challenge

Mrs Fisher from Yate Library to launch the Summer Reading Challenge.

<https://myyate.co.uk/yate/yate-library>

